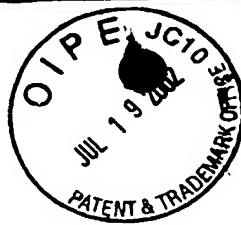


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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
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The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee below (the "Assignee"). A true copy of the original Assignment of the above-captioned application from the inventor(s) to the Assignee is attached hereto. This Assignment represents the entire chain of title of this invention from the Inventor(s) to the Assignee.

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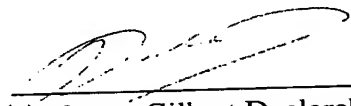
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Serge Vanhaelemeersch, a Belgian citizen, residing at Vijfbunderstraat 9, 3001 Leuven, Belgium; and Karen Maex, a Belgian citizen, residing at A. Rulenslaan 31, 3020 Herent, Belgium, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a **METHOD FOR FABRICATING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE** for which we have filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, Application No. 10/078,284, filed on February 15, 2002;

AND WHEREAS, Interuniversitair Microelektronica Centrum (IMEC) (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a research center in electronics for the Flemish Government Corporation, with its principal place of business at Kapeldreef 75, 3001 Leuven, Belgium, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 12 day of March, 2002


Serge Vanhaelemeersch

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 14 day of March, 2002


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